BEFORE THE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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SUSAN SMITH, D.O. Holder of License No. 2606	2606)	OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF
)	LAW AND CONSENT ORDER

By mutual agreement and understanding, the Arizona State Board of Osteopathic Examiners ("Board") and Susan Smith, D.O. ("Respondent") agree to the following final disposition of the Board's Summary Suspension Order and Complaint and Notice of Hearing issued for this matter.

- 1. Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Stipulation and the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Consent Order; and, she is aware of and understands the content of this document.
- 2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Stipulation she voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review on the matters alleged in the Board's Summary Suspension Order and the stipulated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law or to otherwise challenge this Consent Order or pursue any cause of action against the Board arising out of this matter.
- 3. Respondent acknowledges her understanding that this Stipulation and Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director; but,

upon signing this stipulation she may not rescind or revoke her acceptance.

- 4. Respondent further understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order, once approved and signed, shall constitute a public record which maybe disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board.
- 5. Any admissions made by Respondent are solely for the stipulated disposition of the Board Complaint and are not intended as an admission against her interest or an admission of liability in any civil litigation.
- 6. Respondent is aware that any violation of said Consent Order constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-854(26) and may result in disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855.

ACCEPTED this lolu day of March, 1995.

SUSAN SMITH, D.O

Reviewed and Approved as to form by:

Counsel for Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners of the State of Arizona ("Board") is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in

the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq., as amended.

- 2. Susan Smith, D.O. (hereinafter, "Respondent"), is the holder of License No. 2606 for the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board duly served an Order of Summary Suspension and formal complaint upon Respondent.
- 4. The Respondent with the assistance of counsel and counsel for the State presented the terms for a stipulated order for disposition of this matter; and, Respondent agreed to accept the terms described for the stipulated disposition of this matter.
- 5. Pursuant to the aforementioned stipulation which is incorporated herein by reference, the Board finds that the factual allegations set forth in the Board's complaint at paragraphs 4 through 15 are true and supported by substantial evidence, for the purposes of these administrative proceedings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq., as amended.
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Board's Complaint at paragraphs 4 through 14 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854(26): Violating a formal order,

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probation or a stipulation issued by the Board under this chapter.

3. The conduct alleged in paragraph 15 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854(21): Failing to maintain adequate records on a patient.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. \S 32-1855 and A.R.S. \S 41-1061(D), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. SUSAN SMITH, D.O. (Respondent) is suspended retroactive to the date of the Board's summary suspension order of December 6, 1994, and said suspension shall terminate as of the effective date of this Order; but, Respondent is placed upon probation for four (4) years and shall comply with the terms and conditions of probation set forth herein.
- 2. For a minimum of one year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain psychiatric or psychological treatment by a therapist(s) who is either a licensed psychiatrist and/or psychologist and is selected by Respondent. Respondent shall inform the Board by letter (mailed within ten days of the date of this Order) of the therapist's name; and, Respondent shall undertake and fully cooperate with a program of treatment established by the therapist. In the event Respondent changes therapist, she shall give the Board written notice within ten (10) days of said action; and, Respondent shall not discontinue psychotherapy until she has submitted a written request to the Board for discontinuance and obtained Board approval.

3. Respondent's therapist shall receive a copy of this Order, the Board's summary suspension order and Board staff shall cooperate with and disclose all relevant information held by the Board concerning Respondent. The treating therapist shall be directed by Respondent to send to the Board a written progress report every two (2) months; and, Respondent shall waive any confidentiality concerning her psychotherapy in order that the Board may receive full disclosure of information. The expense of the aforementioned therapy and the reports to the Board by Respondent's therapist shall be the sole responsibility of the Respondent.

- 4. Respondent may have her license to practice as an osteopathic physician restricted, suspended or revoked by the Board in the future $\underline{i}\underline{f}$:
 - (A) The Board finds that Respondent does not have the requisite mental, physical and emotional fitness to continue the practice of medicine; or,
 - (B) There are new grounds for finding unprofessional conduct concerning Respondent.
- 5. Respondent shall abstain completely from the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and, Respondent shall not consume illicit drugs or take any controlled substances (i.e., prescription only drugs), unless such medication was prescribed for her by her treating physician. Respondent shall maintain a monthly log (for the duration of probation) of all prescription

only drugs taken by her and such log shall include the following information:

(a) the name of the medication;

- (b) name of prescribing physician;
- (c) reason for the medication.

At the first of each month, Respondent shall report by letter to the Board whether or not she is taking any prescription only medication and, if so, a copy of her log reflecting the above information.

- 6. Respondent shall also as part of her probation:

 (A) submit to and cooperate in any independent evaluation that is ordered by the Board for Respondent and conducted by the Board's designated physician and/or psychologist which shall be paid for by the Board; and (B) appear before the Board, upon receipt of a request by written or telephonic notification from the Board's executive director which shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting; and, (C) submit to random biological fluid testing and promptly provide (i.e., within 60 minutes of notification) required biological fluids for testing and said testing shall be done at the Respondent's expense.
- 7. This Order shall supercede and replace all prior orders of the Board concerning Respondent.
- 8. In the event Respondent ceases to reside in Arizona, she shall give written notice to the Board of her new residence address within twenty (20) days of moving; and, the

terms and duration of probation may be stayed by the Board until 1 2 Respondent returns to Arizona. ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE this 17th day of May, 1995. 3 ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC 4 EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY 5 6 7 Robert J. Miller, Ph.D. 8 Executive Director 9 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 18th day of May, 1995, to: 10 Susan Smith, D.O. 11 12 13 14 Jerry Steele Attorney At Law 4131 N. 24th Street, #C-201 15 14th Floor 16 Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Attorney for Respondent 17 Michael Harrison, Esq. 18 Assistant Attorney General 1275 West Washington 19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 21 Legal Secretary 22 LES94-0398 2921A(1-7)/yaf23 24

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